

## ☐ Political Involvement in the General Election 2010

- ✓ Background Information
  - Early Ballots Are Coming in SLOWLY
  - We Can Still Influence Voters Earlier Balloters Right Up to Election Day
  - We Can Still Influence Conservation Votes That Still Vote at the Polls
- ✓ Regardless of Political Affiliation and Association Memberships ... You Can Help by Volunteering Your Time
- ✓ Public Opinion Polls Prove That Educators Are Trusted and Influential
- ✓ Face-to-Face Contacts Are the Most Time Consuming BUT the Most Influential
- ✓ WDEA Is Focusing on Walking the Last Two Saturdays before the General Election
  - Saturdays: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> FROM 9:00 until 11:00 am 9040 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(North of Dunlap; West Side of Street in Strip Mall & Next to M & I Bank)
- ✓ WDEA Is Also Seeking Volunteers for Election Day
  - Need before School and after School Volunteers (6am until 8am and/or 4pm until 7pm)
  - Can Work for Override, Jackie Thrasher & Aaron Jahneke, Penny Kotterman and Don DeBusk OR Any Combination
  - Email Caren Oliver @ [caren@waterbugdesign.com](mailto:caren@waterbugdesign.com), Joslyn Brown @ [joslynbrown@cox.net](mailto:joslynbrown@cox.net), Mike Scantlin @ [ninakatlapine@cox.net](mailto:ninakatlapine@cox.net) and Jackie Thrasher @ [jackie@jackiethrasher.com](mailto:jackie@jackiethrasher.com) with Your Time Slot(s), Candidates and/or Cause You Want to Represent, and Your Phone Number ... She Will Forward This Information to the Appropriate Person and You Will Be Contacted with Details
- ✓ Seek Volunteers during ALL 10 Minutes Meetings
- ✓ Remember You CAN Speak after Contract Time during These Meetings Because WDEA PAID for That Time
- ✓ Remember You CAN Also Seek Volunteers on an Individual Basis during Non-Contract Time (i.e. Duty Free Lunch, After Contract Hours, Calling from Phone Trees in the Evening and on Weekends)
- ✓ Remember You CANNOT Talk during Regular Work Hours
- ✓ Remember You CANNOT Use District Resources (i.e. email, printers)
- ✓ Remember You CANNOT Suggest that Any Employee That Works for You Needs to Volunteer
- ✓ Collect Information for Confirmed Volunteers ... for Saturday Walks AND Election Day
- ✓ Email This Information to [caren@waterbugdesign.com](mailto:caren@waterbugdesign.com), [ninakatlapine@cox.net](mailto:ninakatlapine@cox.net), [joslynbrown@cox.net](mailto:joslynbrown@cox.net) AND [jackiethrasher@cox.net](mailto:jackiethrasher@cox.net)

## ☐ Teacher Evaluations

- ✓ Evaluations Will Have Greater Importance This Year, If We Have a RIF
- ✓ The Quality of Your Evaluation Will Result in a Certain Number of Points on the RIF Rubric
- ✓ If You Disagree with Your Evaluation, You Have ONLY TEN Days to Appeal the Evaluation
- ✓ Call the Advocacy Team for Assistance

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- ☐ Parent/Teacher Conferences ... Changes ... Begin Planning Now for February Conferences
  - ✓ Every Parent Will Have the Opportunity for Two Parent Teacher Conferences per Year
  - ✓ Every Teacher Will Make Two Documented Attempts to Offer Conferences to ALL Parents
  - ✓ Schools Will Develop a Site-based Conference Plan
  - ✓ Schools Are Required to Schedule an Assigned Evening
  - ✓ Assigned Evenings Must Offer at Least Three Hours after 5 pm
  - ✓ Site-based Plans Must Have an Accountability Component for Regular Education Teachers, Specials/Elective Teachers and Special Education Teachers
  - ✓ Special Education Teachers Can Schedule IEPs during Conference Week IF: 1) the IEP Is Due between October and December for Fall Conferences and February and April for Spring Conferences; 2) the IEP Does NOT Interfere with a Regular Education Teachers Conferences and 3) the Parent Agrees (Remember a special education parent is legally entitled to an annual IEP meeting and our district guarantees them two conferences. They have to KNOW they can have all three and CHOOSE to combine an IEP and Conference).
  - ✓ Other Than the 3 Required Hours on the Assigned Evening ... The Time Requirement Is Dictated by Giving All Interested Parents a Conference during Conference Week, There Is NO Total Number of Hours Required
  
- ☐ Site Concerns
  - ✓ Solicit Any ...

*REMINDERS REGARDING ADVOCACY*

- ☐ Advocacy
  - ✓ Encourage Members with Concerns To Talk to You 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ✓ Encourage ANYONE Being Put on an Improvement Plan ... Get Help Before the Plan is Developed
  - ✓ Get Details ... Use Forms on Website
  - ✓ Be Prepared with Solutions
  - ✓ Remind Member's Representation CANNOT Be Denied
  - ✓ Stop a Meeting and Request to Reschedule to Allow Representation
  - ✓ Contact Advocacy Committee Members with Questions
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